Indirect Statement (Indirect Discourse/*Oratio Obliqua)*

Verb of the head (sat/think/perceive/inform) + accusative + infinitive

Quintus dicit Scintillam advenire

*Quintus says that Scintilla is arriving.*

The tense of the infinitive indicates **relative time**:

Present infinitive = same time as action of main verb

Future infinitive = subsequent time (time after) action of main verb

Perfect infinitive = previous time (time before) action of main verb

# Primary Sequence (Main verb present/future)

Quintus dicit Scintillam **advenīre** *Quintus says that Scintilla* ***is arriving***

Quintus dicit Scintillam **advēnisse**. *Quintus says that Scintilla* ***arrived****.*

Quintus dicit Scintillam **adventurus esse.** *Quintus says that Scintilla* ***will arrive****.*

# Secondary Sequence (Main verb past tense)

Quintus dixit Scintillam **advenīre.** *Quintus said that Scintilla* ***was arriving****.*

Quintus dixit Scintillam **advēnisse**. *Quintus said that Scintilla* ***had arrived***

Quintus dixit Scintillam **adventurus esse.** *Quintus said that Scintilla* ***would arrive****.*

**Important words**

**sē** is used as the subject of the indirect statement to refer back to the subject of the main verb.

Quīntus dicit sē paratum esse. *Quintus says that he is prepared.*

**fore** = futurus esse, the future infinitive from **sum, esse**

**dīcit …nōn = negat**

Instead of saying “Scintilla **says** that she is **not** coming”

say “Scintilla **denies** that she is coming”

Translate

1. Scintilla dicit Quīntum Romam īre.
2. Scintilla dicit Quīntum Romam īvisse.
3. Scintilla dixit Quīntum Romam īre.
4. Scintilla dixit Quīntum Romam īvisse.
5. Quīntus negat Scintillam cēnam parāre.
6. Quīntus negat Scintillam cēnam paraturam esse.
7. Quīntus negāvit Scintillam cēnam paraturam esse.
8. credō tē laetum esse.
9. credō tē laetum fuisse
10. credō tē laetum fore (futurum esse)
11. credidī tē laetum fore.
12. gaudēmus vōs domum redisse.
13. gaudēmus vōs domum rediturōs esse.
14. gavisī sumus vōs domum redīre.

Put into indirect statement

1. Scintilla casam intrat.

Quīntus dicit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. puerī versōs recitant.

magister negat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Caesar dictator erit.

senātorēs dicunt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. bella confecta sunt.

Sperō \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. mīlitēs fortiter pugnābunt.

Imperātor putat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Cicero Romam servāvit.

Cicero credit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Translate the last sentence you put into indirect statement.

How would the meaning change if **credit** were **credidit**?